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1. APPRECIATE REFTEL NUDGE. I HAD NO INTENTION OF LEAVING YOU HANGING UNTIL WE COULD GET LINDA IN HERE FOR ANOTHER BURUNDI REFUGEE UPDATE. YOU WILL HAVE ANOTHER A FULL READOUT WITHIN A DAY OR TWO. CURRENT EMERGENCY COORDINATOR LEAVES END OF NEXT WEEK AND I HAVE JUST MET WITH HIM, ALONG WITH USAID, ON FOOD AND

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OTHER QUESTIONS.

2. AN ADVANCE READOUT: MALNUTRITION AND DEATH RATES
STILL UNACCEPTABLY HIGH. CONCERNS REMAIN OVER FOOD
QUANTITY AND QUALITY. DISTRIBUTION NETWORK COMING
UNDER CONTROL. FOOD MONITORS ASSURING INTENDED
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DELIVERY TO REFUGEES. WATER AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
PRETTY MUCH IN PLACE. MAJOR CAMP MOVES NEARLY
COMPLETE. REPATRIATION AT A FEW THOUSAND PER WEEK
SINCE BEGINNING OF YEAR. IF STABILITY IN BURUNDI
CONTINUES, MASSIVE REPATRIATION COULD OCCUR PRIOR TO
FEBRUARY PLANTING SEASON. FOOD ASSISTANCE AND
REINSTALLATION AID (SEEDS, TOOLS, RECONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS) WOULD NEED TO CONTINUE ON BURUNDI SIDE.

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